

## Greetings Volunteers!

My personal thank you to everyone for your patience and gratitude during Volunteer Services time of transition. As Volunteer Services settles into a new normal, I look forward to all the future holds. To start off, Volunteer Services has decided to go digital with the newsletter. Currently, nearly 200 volunteers and community agencies receive the newsletter via email and approximately 100 receive by mail. Due to the cost of bulk rate postage and the more common use of email the team has decided to make this change. However, print copies will be available at the office, and mailed to volunteers who do not have email. (please see pg. 4)

Additionally, the team has been busy these past several months; training new CASA volunteers, recruiting Learning Partners and Transporters, planning New Vision Academy, closing out the school year with the Truancy Class and working closely with Juvenile Probation and Probate Court for new ideas involving volunteers.

I hope you all enjoy your Northern Michigan summer and remember, stop by and say hello or give a call...it's always nice hearing from you!

*~ Lindsey Jordan, Volunteer Coordinator*



**Exciting upcoming summer activities!**

**Fishing ~ mid-July**

**Northwest Michigan Fair ~ August 12, 2015**

**Back to School Picnic & Nature Hike**

**(end of August)**

**Note:**

no regular meeting until Tuesday, September 15th.

### Transporters!

As of April 2015, volunteer transporters earn \$12.00/hr. Transporters take youth on probation to and from detention facilities, treatment placement, and experiential camps.

Volunteer Services is looking for more volunteers who would like to transport youth and earn a little extra spending money while doing it. This position is on-call, often short notice. Husband and wife teams are a great asset to this program.

**Please call Lindsey for more information!**  
**(231) 922-4827**



**Volunteer Services welcomes new members  
to the Probate and Family Court staff.**



**Sue Baker** is the new Office Clerk in the Volunteer Department. "I am thrilled to be a part of the Volunteer Services Team! My background as Volunteer Coordinator for non-profits such as the American Red Cross, hospice and a cancer center has given me a true appreciation for the value of volunteers. Thank you for making me feel so welcome!"



Volunteer Services also welcomes the team's new 2015 summer intern, **Kara Dirlam**. She has completed her CASA training, is assisting with transports and the New Vision Academy. She also works with Juvenile Probation, monitoring cases, interviewing, writing reports and other various other projects.



**Warm welcome to our  
newest volunteer  
transporters:**

**Valarie Blair,  
Lori Metcalf,  
Diane Scrivo,  
William Vaillancourt**

**New transport vehicle - 2007 Crown Vic.**



Thank you to **Sgt. Roy Raska** for thinking of Volunteer Services when this car came up for retirement from the Sheriff's Dept.

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

**JULY**

Matthew Bertrand - 1st  
Mary Wayne - 5th  
Michael Robold - 5th  
Karen Grant - 5th  
Beverly Popovits - 17th  
Carla Lamphere - 18th  
Matt Maratea - 20th  
Laura Mains - 21st  
Artie Lancaster - 30th

**AUGUST**

Kathy Walsh-Sinnard - 2nd  
Ruth Bay - 3rd  
Susan Bender - 15th  
Kristen Girard - 16th  
Susan Pahl - 18th  
Jane Vitkus - 18th  
Edward Thoma - 19th  
Barbara Disborough - 20th  
Elliot Morrison - 21st  
Barbara Grewe - 22nd  
Timothy Doyle - 28th  
Nancy Giles - 29th  
Lori Metcalf - 30th

**Emergency Contact Info Needed!**



Life can be unpredictable. Because you are part of the Volunteer Services team and we care about you, we want to ensure that if you become ill or have an accident while working, Volunteer Services is able to contact your chosen emergency contact person. The Volunteer Services Office will maintain a confidential spreadsheet so access to information can be done quickly if needed.

Please send Sue an email at [sbaker2@grandtraverse.org](mailto:sbaker2@grandtraverse.org) with the following information:

- ◇ **Emergency Contact (first and last name)**
- ◇ **Relationship to you**
- ◇ **Contact phone number and an alternate contact number, if available.**

If you do not have email, please call the office with the information (922-4827).

## **Congratulations! 2015 CASA Graduating Class**

Grand Traverse County CASA wrapped up its 11th year of training this May, with ten newly inspired and eager volunteers. Welcome;



**Susan Bender, Nancy Briggs, Kara Dirlam, Carolyn Klender, Brenda Knaack, Maureen Leonard, Lori Metcalf, Kristen Rivard, William Vaillancourt, and Judy Zrimec.**

CASA volunteers complete an extensive training program and then go on to advocate for children involved in neglect and abuse cases. In 2014, 26 CASA volunteers advocated for 70 children, donating over 6,000 hours of their time.

Volunteer Services thanks the members of the community who took time out of their busy schedules to facilitate classes this Spring; **Mike Long**-attorney, GAL and Tribal Judge, **Carolyn Bearinger**-retired women's domestic abuse advocate, **Dr. Cathy Anthofer-Fialon**-Program Manager, 13th Circuit Court Family Division, **Shelley Burnes**-Addiction Treatment Services of Northwest MI, **Jill**

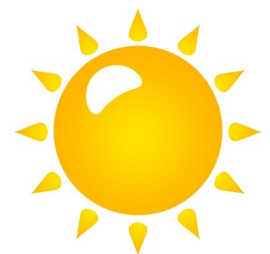
**Kimball**-Lake View Counseling, **Megan Heethuis** and **Katie Benjamin**-DHS, **Holly Bird**-attorney, Tribal Judge, **Barb Cross**-Maple Clinic, **Amanda Steele**-Prosecuting Attorney's Office, **Nina Merten**-attorney, GAL. Thank you, for making our training curriculum insightful and interesting to our new CASA's.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in learning more about CASA, please contact Lindsey Jordan, 231-922-4827 or [ljordan@grandtraverse.org](mailto:ljordan@grandtraverse.org)



## **New Vision Academy-2015**

New Vision Academy is back for the Summer of 2015. Volunteer Services has many exciting classes lined up for our youth on probation including; martial arts, cooking, exercise, field trips, community and self awareness, just to name a few. The sessions provided are meant to enhance court experience for youth, providing tools for them to make good life choices in the future.



Special thank you to **Darcy Schlitt** and **Katy Ramsdell** for again being volunteer leaders for this summers classes as well as, to intern **Kara Dirlam** for all her assistance in planning this years' schedule of events.  
**2015 Facilitator's ~ Thank you!**

**Ann Olson-Third Level, Patricia Hoekje and Roger Bosker-BATA, Dr. Christina Richardson, Derek Migazzi, Dr. Donald Funk-"Free to Play", Officer Matt McKinley-GT Sheriff's Dept, Regis McCord-NMC, Jim Adkins, Craig Vohwinkle, Holly Bird-White Tiger Martial Arts, Norm Bowbeer, Lindsey Larivee-Grand Traverse Resort, Trooper Kris Makowski, K-9 officer Ammo-Michigan State Police, Sue Schmidt, Maswe Hennrick, Dan Baker-Fist Community Bank, Mike & Sharon Herron, Guinness the Therapy Dog, Lisa Danto, Don Kuehlhorn, Ally Shumate, Dr. Cathy Anthofer-Fialon, NMC, and Reigning Liberty Ranch**



**VOLUNTEERS IN  
PREVENTION/PROBATION**

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MELANIE D. STANTON, PROBATE & FAMILY COURT JUDGE  
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### **Learning Partners**

1st Tuesday-4:00-5:00 pm

**Tuesday, September 15, 2015**

(see pg. 3)

Learning Partners will be fishing in July, visiting NW Michigan Fair in August and having a back to school picnic and hike in August. **(no meetings in July or Aug.)**



### **CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)**

3rd Tuesday- 4:00-6:00 pm

**Tuesday, July 21, 2015**

(stay tuned for details)

**Tuesday, August 18, 2015**



**\*All meetings are held at the Volunteer Services office unless otherwise mentioned.**

**The newsletter is going digital! Volunteer Services will continue to have paper copies at the office as well as a few extra to mail out to anyone who doesn't have email.**

If you have not provided Volunteer Services with your email address, please send a message, so we can add you to the list.

**[sbaker2@grandtraverse.org](mailto:sbaker2@grandtraverse.org).**

If you do not have email, please give Sue or Lindsey a call (922-4827) and let us know so we can continue to mail you a copy.

***Thank you!***

